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12:1 When thou wilt do good, know to who thou doest it, so shalt thou be thanked for thy benefits. **12:2** Do good to the godly man, and thou shalt find a recompense, and if not from him,

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yet from the most
high. ^{12:}**3** There can
no good come to him
that is always
occupied in evil: nor
to him that giveth no
alms. ^{12:}**4** Give to the
godly man, and **help**
not a sinner. ^{12:}**5** Do
well unto him that is
lowly, but **give not to**

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the ungodly: hold back thy bread, and give it not unto him, lest he overmaster thee thereby. For *e/*se thou shalt receive twice as much evil, for all the good thou shalt have done unto him.

12: 6 For the most High hateth sinners, and

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**will repay vengeance
unto the ungodly, and
keepeth them against
the mighty day of their
punishment.** ^{12:}**7** Give

**unto the good, and
help not the sinner.**

^{12:}**8** A friend cannot be
known in prosperity,
and an **enemy** cannot
be hidden in

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adversity. ^{12:}**9** In the prosperity of a man, enemies will be grieved, but in his adversity, even a friend will depart.

^{12:}**10** Never trust thine enemy: for like as iron rusteth, so is his wickedness.

^{12:}**11** Though he

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humble himself, and
go crouching, yet take
good heed, and
beware of him, and
thou shalt be unto
him, as if thou hadst
wiped a looking glass,
and thou shalt know
that his rust hath not
been altogether wiped
away. ^{12:}**12** Set him

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not by thee, lest when
he hath overthrown
thee, he stand up in
thy place, neither let
him sit at thy right
hand, lest he seek to
take thy seat, and
thou at the last.

^{12:}**13** Who will pity a
charmer that is bitten
with a serpent, or any

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such as come nigh
wild beasts?

^{12:}**14** So one that
goeth to a sinner,
and is defiled with
him in his sins, who
will pity?

^{12:}**15** For a while he
will abide with thee,
but if thou begin to
fall, he will not tarry.

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12:16 An enemy speaketh sweetly with his lips, but in his heart he imagineth how to throw thee into a pit: he will weep with his eyes, but if he find opportunity, he will not be satisfied with blood.

12:17 If adversity come

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upon thee, thou shalt
find him there first,
and though he pretend
to help thee, yet shall
he undermine thee.

^{12:}**18** He will shake his
head and clap his
hands, and whisper
much, and change his
countenance.